



# **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO**

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### **Fresno Superior Court Announces New Chief Probation Officer**

The Fresno Superior Court Judges have selected Rick Chavez as the Fresno County Chief Probation Officer. The Judges were impressed with Mr. Chavez's education and experience as he currently has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology from California State University, Fresno and almost 30 years of experience with the Fresno County Probation Department. Rick started his career as a Group Counselor at the Juvenile Hall, and most notably served as the Juvenile Justice Campus Project Coordinator overseeing the construction of the Juvenile Justice Campus.

The selection of the Chief Probation Officer position has long been a collaborative process involving the Fresno Superior Court, the County Administrative Office, and the Juvenile Justice Commission. The various selection committee members were assigned the goal of recommending to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court those candidates who possessed the leadership skills and work experience necessary to continue to build upon the efforts and successes of Linda M. Penner (ret.) and the entire Probation staff.

The Superior Court Judges respect Rick Chavez's knowledge and experience. A thorough background investigation is being conducted and the final report will be submitted to the Presiding Judge for final approval.

Mr. Chavez is expected to assume his new position as Chief Probation Officer on August 5, 2013. Please join the court in congratulating and welcoming Rick to his new position.

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